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Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether repairs to a number of minor irrigation works have been held up in the district of Tinnevelly because the ryots are not in a position to get contributions ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"No, Sir, I am not aware of it. If the hon. Member will give me a list I shall be glad to make enquiries."

Panchayat Forests

Rules for the conduct of forest panchayats.

* 923 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Revenue Board have framed any set of rules for the conduct of forest panchayats and their relationship with the people and with the Forest department ; and

(b) if so, what those rules are ?

A.—(a) & (b) As stated in the answer to question No. 1662 on 2nd March 1928, the Board of Revenue was requested to submit draft rules and has submitted to Government a draft standing order for the administration of forest panchayats. The draft is under the consideration of Government.

Removal of some of the members of the Erragondapalem Forest Panchayat.

* 924 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the President, Mr. A. Venkatanarasimham Pantulu, and some other members of the Erragondapalem Forest Panchayat were removed from office on the reports of the Forest Panchayat Deputy Tahsildar and inspection reports based thereupon ;

(b) whether the deputy tahsildar communicated in Telugu the whole of the remarks of the Forest Panchayat Officer contained in P.F. No. 3008/27/C including the portions that spoke of the removal of the alleged inefficient president and members ;

(c) whether the president in his explanation to charges communicated to him later categorically denied all the statements made by the deputy tahsildar ; and

(d) whether, before removing the president or members, any inquiry was held either by the Forest officer or by the Collector to ascertain the truth or otherwise of statements made by the deputy tahsildar against the president and panchayatdars ?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Public Service

Government Orders regarding unpassed men in public service.

* 925-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what were the reasons that prompted the issue of the several Government Orders and notifications on the question of unpassed men in the public service ;